



PETER R. BROWN CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Attachment #

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Board of County Commissioners  
1907 S. Monroe St  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Attn: Carl Morgan  
Phone: 850-488-1948  
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Project: Leon Courthouse Annex Renovations  
Re: Calhoun Street Closure

Project #: 8-2201

Dear Mr. Morgan,

Attached is a letter from our subcontractor Vause Mechanical that details the issues and concerns surrounding the request to close Calhoun Street as part of the utility infrastructure upgrades. To summarize all of the facts surrounding this request we offer the following additional information:

- There are multiple, critical, underground utilities near the path of the proposed utility installation.
- Peter R. Brown Construction is not willing to assume the liability of performing this operation as a jack and bore installation. In addition, neither the Mechanical subcontractor nor the second tier subcontractor to perform the jack and bore portion of the work will assume the liability of any damage that may occur to existing utilities as part of this operation. It is not our recommendation that the Leon County Facilities Management office assume this liability by forcing the operation to be performed as a jack and bore. As a result, this operation should be done as an open cut installation across Calhoun Street that will last for a maximum of 18 calendar days.
- In the event that this utility installation were performed as a jack and bore operation and in the event that a utility was damaged during the jack and bore it would be necessary for an emergency road closure to take place until the repair could be made.
- There exist alternatives to this proposal of closing Calhoun Street but none of the alternatives provide the most permanent and cost effective installation for the proposed utility installation.

Since this project was originally bid as an open cut operation with a temporary bridge structure to be used to maintain Calhoun Street traffic, a credit of \$12,000 can be returned to the project contingency should this proposal of Calhoun Street closure be approved.

An alternate duration of street closure is also available should Vause Mechanical perform the portion of the installation after the excavation has been completed by working two twelve hour shifts per day. The additive cost of this operation being performed during night working hours is \$77,176. Should this additive cost be approved, the portion of the installation performed after the excavation could be completed in seven days in lieu of the currently proposed thirteen days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Wellman".

Andrew Wellman  
Project Manager

CC: File: 1.04  
Tom Brantley

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